

## Montgomery Tribune

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WRITER OF FAIRY STORIES.

Let us admit, if we can do so without ruffling the feathers of the American eagle, that there are some things other nations do better than we. France, for instance, has a childlike heart, along with the more mature qualities which make for the ascendancy of that country in thrift, in science and in many fields where hard heads count for so much. And in this youthfulness, this simplicity, it is very fond of the fairy tale. Here we are growing so practical, so sordid, so unimaginative, save in our big business transactions which sometimes take away the breath in their utopian sweep and immensity, that we look upon the fairy story not only as a useless waste of time, but even worse, says Cleveland Leader, it makes children dreamers when they should be focusing their minds on money. And so the army of Graggrinds grows all the time and fights the poor little remnant of imagination left us as bitterly as if it were a terrible foe. But in France there is a vast army of readers of fairy stories and admirers of those who write them, and only the other day "All Paris"—that is to say, its wealth, its art, its society, along with the basic everyday people—turned out to pay tribute to a woman whose only claim to recognition was authorship of charming fairy tales for real children and the grownups who still have their youth in their souls.

Men of science are generally agreed that birds are nature's great check on the excess of insects, and that they maintain the balance between plant and insect life. Ten thousand caterpillars, it has been estimated, could destroy every blade of grass on an acre of cultivated land. The insect population of a single cherry tree infested with aphids has been estimated by a prominent entomologist at no less than twelve million. The bird population of cultivated country districts has been estimated at from seven hundred to one thousand a square mile. This is small, compared with the number of insects, yet, as each bird consumes hundreds of insects every day the latter are prevented from becoming the scourge they would be but for their feathered enemies.

New Jersey has joined the states which believe that clandestine marriage should not be made easy. A new license law requires all couples, including elopers, from elsewhere, to obtain licenses before the knot can be tied. As the issuing of licenses is a matter of public record it is of course easy to get on the track of the feeing ones. There should be no unjust restrictions upon marriage, but it is quite in accord with the better sentiment of the day that there shall be as little secrecy as possible about such affairs. The man and woman who care enough for each other to be joined in honorable wedlock have no reason to be ashamed of the proceeding.

A few days ago, in referring to a recipe for banishing that bitter taste in your mouth by taking a little nuxvomica mixed with water, we amplified the prescription by adding the suggestion that all taste could be removed permanently from the mouth by using more nuxvomica, says Chicago Tribune. To reassure an anxious correspondent who fears that there may be persons who wish to "remove all taste permanently" from their mouths and may adopt the suggestion as to "using more," we hasten to explain that nuxvomica is a deadly poison. Avoid it, dear children, unless prescribed by some physician in good standing.

According to the Boston Globe paste jewels are more conspicuous at Newport this season than ever before. One reason why people wear their paste jewels conspicuously at Newport is that they are all prepared to show the real gems which their safety deposit boxes contain if anyone should get the idea that the paste articles are all they can afford.

Homeopaths at Los Angeles reverse themselves by lifting the ban from benzoate of soda and telling us to consume it, if we wish to. Which makes it the more necessary to label it in order that a person with a hankering for the benzoate may not be deceived by an article free from that much-disputed condiment.

Chicago is said to have the worst milk supply in the world, and if we know Chicago at all we know that she'll probably find a way to brag about even this.

"Respect your wife's parents, but follow your own opinion," says a German. Sounds easy, but has he ever tried it?

Many aviators have fallen to their death on solid land, but none drop into the sea and drown.

## GORE COMMITTEE GETS MORE LIGHT

ANOTHER ATTORNEY BESIDES  
M'MURRAY HAD A FEW CONTRACTS HIMSELF.

\$6,400,000 IS THE AMOUNT

Lawyer Clapp Says Government May Be Responsible for Fees Due McMurray and Others—Land to Cost Indians Nothing.

Sulphur, Ok.—The congressional investigating committee conducting the inquiry into the Indian land affairs of Oklahoma brought about by the charges of Senator Gore that he had been offered a bribe to withdraw his opposition to the granting of the \$3,000,000 McMurray land contracts, heard testimony tending to show that when it came to knocking out commissions by handling Indian affairs, J. F. McMurray was "a plier."

Webster Ballinger, an attorney of Washington, told the committee that he held contracts which would have netted him \$6,400,000 in commissions. Ballinger said he held contracts with about 4,000 individuals who claimed citizenship in the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations.

If the \$3,000,000 was paid J. F. McMurray as a 10 per cent attorney's fee in the sale of the Indian lands, the government and not the Indians might have to stand the expense.

This was the opinion of E. W. Clapp, an attorney, who appeared before the committee.

Clapp said as the government promised to dispose of the land without cost to the Indians, it was probable the Indians could recover. If any money was deducted from the proceeds of the sale of the lands.

McMurray again took the stand. He said for all the lands to which they had claims, the Indians ought to receive \$50,000,000. Under this estimate his 10 per cent fee would amount to \$5,000,000. He doubted, however, the land would bring as much as it ought to.

Taft Explains Matters

Says He Never Took Part in Cabal to Defeat Former Chief for New York Appointment.

New York.—President Taft and former President Roosevelt are again fellow-workers in the same political field. The threat that they might pull apart has been forefended by a full explanation on one side and an unreserved acceptance on the other.

The president made it plain in a letter given out in New York by Lloyd C. Griscom, president of the New York Republican county committee, how the misunderstanding arose. He explained that he never took any part in a committee cabal to defeat Colonel Roosevelt for temporary chairman for the coming Republican state convention. On the contrary, he explicitly deprecates the result of the committee meeting which chose Vice-President Sherman; he rebukes the party leaders who have permitted it to go abroad uncontradicted that the president of the United States was behind their factional preferences; he insists that at every opportunity he advised the fullest conferences with Colonel Roosevelt and he explains that he had been pained by the "columns of unfounded assertions in the newspapers concerning my attitude in respect to the New York situation."

ESTRADA REACHES GOAL

Revolutionists Win in Nicaragua and Former President Madriz Flees the Country.

New Orleans, Louisiana.—Private cablegrams from various points in Nicaragua confirm the report that the revolutionists have gained control of the government. Gen. Juan J. Estrada is the de facto president, but is in danger of being deposed by other revolutionists.

President Madriz, to whom Zelaya turned over the presidency, and who prosecuted the war against the revolutionists, turned the presidency over to Jose Delores Estrada, a brother of the revolutionary leader, and left with his family for Corinto, intending to sail for Panama, and thence to Europe or the United States.

Illinois Lad Wading Drowns.  
Princeton, Ind.—Milton G. Krebs, 20, son of L. W. Krebs of Mount Carmel, Ill., was drowned while wading in White river at Kelly's ripple. The boy was a member of the Bob White club, camping here.

Earthquakes in New England.  
Lowell, Mass.—Earth tremors accompanied by heavy rumblings caused considerable alarm in this city and surrounding towns. The shocks lasted several seconds but did not damage.

Mayor Dahman Ahead.  
Omaha, Nebraska.—On the face of the returns from the Democratic state-wide primaries, which are nearly complete in unofficial form, Mayor Dahman has won the gubernatorial nomination by 86 majority.

## AN IMPENDING INSURRECTION



## MITCHELL FAVORS ILLINOIS MINERS

FORMER OFFICIAL COMES OUT FLATLY AND CLASHES WITH PRESIDENT LEWIS.

MINE HEAD MAKES REPLY

President Accuses Critics of Meddling in Union Affairs—War of Words Throws Indianapolis Convention in Uproar.

Indianapolis, Ind.—With the Illinois coal strike dispute as the underlying cause, John Mitchell, former head of the miners' union, and President Thomas L. Lewis, clashed at the miners' convention. Mr. Mitchell came out flatly in favor of the Illinois miners in their fight for the demands of the Peoria convention, and President Lewis in a hot reply held up to severe criticism the acts of the former head of the miners in the anthracite coal strike in 1902.

In announcing his views to the convention Mr. Mitchell took occasion to deny a rumor circulated among the delegates that he came to Indianapolis to influence the miners and advise them to accept a compromise agreement with the Illinois Coal Operators' association. He declared President Lewis and the members of the international executive board had laid themselves open to severe criticism for modifying the Illinois wage scale without the consent and concurrence of the Illinois miners and the district officials.

Mitchell Criticizes Lewis.  
The action, he added, was a violation of the fundamental principles of self-government. He admitted, however, that the compromise, so far as it covered the subject of wages, was better than anything the miners had ever been offered. He commended the members of the board for their efforts to bring about a settlement of the strike, but insisted that they went beyond their authority in fixing the terms of the contract, outside of the one already adopted by the Illinois miners at Peoria.

SHERMAN IS EXONERATED

He and Senator Curtis Are Cleared by Committee Probing Gore Charges.

Sulphur, Ok.—The select committee appointed by the house of representatives to investigate Indian land affairs and the so-called Murray contracts, which also has been investigating the Gore bribery charges, issued the following statement:

"The committee has heard and carefully considered all of the testimony submitted and is unanimous in the opinion that there is and was no warrant for any person to use the names of Vice-President Sherman and Senator Charles S. Curtis in connection with any improper relation with any Indian contracts whatsoever."

Europe Fears Cholera Pest.  
London, England.—With cholera epidemic throughout Russia and Southern Italy and with scattered cases in Austria, Germany, Holland and Finland and Asia, from Southern India to the Chinese frontier, British health authorities view the situation with alarm.

Mexican, Aged 115, Dead.  
San Antonio, Tex.—Juan Garza, aged 115 years, died in San Antonio. He is survived by 113 lineal descendants.

## RACES FOR THE PENNANTS

Club	National League	Won	Lost	Pct.
Chicago	73	35	38	.676
Pittsburgh	73	41	32	.617
New York	62	44	18	.585
Philadelphia	54	55	49	.495
Cincinnati	54	57	48	.486
Brooklyn	44	65	40	.403
St. Louis	43	68	38	.387
Boston	41	72	35	.353

Club	American League	Won	Lost	Pct.
Philadelphia	77	34	43	.583
Boston	64	48	37	.571
Detroit	64	49	36	.566
New York	63	50	33	.558
Cleveland	56	61	40	.450
Washington	50	64	43	.439
Chicago	44	66	40	.400
St. Louis	34	74	35	.355

## PACKERS FIGHT COMBINE

IOWANS FILE COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION.

Corporation Charged With Buying Available Supply of Beef to Detriment of Independents.

Washington, D. C.—T. M. Sinclair & Company, limited, beef packers of Cedar Rapids, Ia., in a complaint, filed with the Interstate Commerce commission, charge 29 central western railroads with discriminating against it in the matter of rates and regulations in favor of the so-called beef trust of Chicago.

It is set forth in the petition that the Sinclair company is being directly forced out of business and that unless relief is forced shortly it will be ruined.

The complaint charges the defendants have created conditions under which the Chicago packers are enabled to purchase pork and other meat in Iowa and ship to their packing houses in such quantities and at such rates that the Sinclair company can no longer obtain an adequate supply for its own business within the state, but is driven elsewhere to make purchases, thereby greatly adding to the original cost of these products. It is further charged that the company is forced to pay increased freight rates and charges which, it is claimed, operate as a serious burden and disadvantage, and is intended to favor its competitors.

## FRENCH DEDICATE STATUE

Replica of Houdon's Statue of Washington Now Represented in Napoleon Hall at Versailles.

Versailles, France.—In the Napoleon Hall of the Chateau of Versailles, in the presence of the French minister of war, General Brun; the French ambassador to the United States, M. Jusserand, and his wife; and the American ambassador, Robert Bacon, and Mrs. Bacon, the bronze replica of Houdon's celebrated statue of Washington in the state house at Richmond, Va., presented by the state of Virginia to the French republic, was dedicated.

## Shoe Wasn't Foxy Bank.

Big Rapids, Michigan.—Stephen Fox of Sheridan township is poorer by \$350 than he was a few days ago. Thinking that an old shoe was safer than a bank, he deposited that amount in the shoe. Mrs. Fox, thinking that the shoe was worthless, threw it into the fire.

## Atlanta Has 154,839.

Washington, D. C.—The population of Atlanta, Ga., is 154,839, an increase of 64,976, or 72.3 per cent, as compared with 89,872 in 1900. The population of Waterbury, Conn., is 73,141, an increase of 27,282.

## We Send Wheat to France.

New York.—During the past ten days a million bushels of American wheat have been purchased for exportation to France, where the crop has shown a deficit of about 67,000,000 bushels.

## HUNDREDS PERISK IN FOREST FIRES

DEATH LIST MOUNTS HIGH AS THE FLAMES RAVAGE THREE STATES.

LOSSES REACH MILLIONS

Conflagration of Six Weeks Reaches Its Height and Spreads Rapidly—Wallace, Idaho, Escapes, but Others Fall in Wake.

Helena, Mont.—The forest fire situation has reached the most critical point since first, six weeks ago, the series of conflagrations menaced the magnificent forests of western and northwestern Montana.

With every report reaching points without the fire zone comes news of the spread of the walls of flames which, uncontrolled, are sweeping to new districts and leaving in their wake a toll of death and heavy losses that are even beyond surmise. Estimates of the dead range from a score into the hundreds, and each report of the fall of a new settlement into the flames adds to the list of the believed dead the population of souls the doomed town was known to have contained.

Millions in Property Losses.  
The property losses will be heavy, even now ranking into the millions. Two hundred square miles of area are already believed swept, and the flames are spreading unchecked into the virgin forests that surround the fire zone. Only sporadic attempts are made to check the flames, being in back-firing that for a time staves off the flames sweeping down upon some little town or doomed settlement.

It is difficult to estimate the number of towns burned out, but a late report confirms the report that Wallace, Idaho, came through the flames safe, with only a fearful scar. A large part of the town was burned, with a loss of more than \$1,000,000 and ten deaths are known to have occurred.

The town of Sylvanite, in Lincoln county, has been destroyed, and the flames are approaching Libby, along Wolf and Foreman creeks. Whitefish also is in the danger zone. Neidhart, Mont., is reported burning. Saltese, Haughan, Stregis and Adair were in the path of the flames, but since communication with these places had been interrupted their fates are unknown. The area covered is about 200 miles square, most of it in the mountains and sparsely settled. It is difficult to obtain information from any of the points and impossible to reach some of the isolated places at all.

## JAPAN TO ANNEX KOREA

Final Negotiations for Deal Will Be Concluded Within Three Days, Is Published by Tokio Press.

Tokio, Japan.—The long awaited annexation of Korea by Japan is about to become a reality, according to special dispatches from Seoul, published by the Tokio press. The dispatches announce final negotiations for the annexation were begun by Resident General Viscount Terauchi, the Japanese resident general in Korea. The resident general outlined the conditions on which Japan will sign the agreement for annexation.

## GAYNOR'S DANGER IS PAST

Doctors Decide Not to Operate for Bullet, as It Causes Him No Inconvenience.

New York City.—Mayor W. J. Gaynor's condition is excellent, his physicians state, and the period of danger has now passed. The doctors agree that he will be completely recovered within a short time.

The physicians have practically decided not to operate to remove the bullet, as they think that Mayor Gaynor will suffer no inconvenience from it.

## RAILWAY STRIKE IS OFF

Union Head Announces End of Difficulty With Electric Road in Ohio.

Columbus, Ohio.—President Frank Bishop of the local union of the Brotherhood of Interurban Trainmen, announced that the strike on the Columbus-Dayton division of the Ohio electric lines was off.

## St. Louis Has 687,029.

Washington, D. C.—The population of St. Louis is 687,029, according to the official announcement of the United States census. This is an increase of 111,791, or 19.4 per cent, over the population of the city ten

## Noted Portrait Painter Dead.

New Canaan, Conn.—Frank Fowler, a well-known portrait painter, is dead at his summer home here, of heart disease. He was 58 years old. He had painted the portraits of Samuel J. Tilden and Charles A. Dana.

## 10,723 Die of Cholera.

St. Petersburg, Russia.—One week's cholera record for Russia shows 39,944 new cases of cholera and 10,723 deaths, bringing the total number of cases in Russia this year to 112,955. Of these, 50,287 have died.

**Hot Sun-Dusty Roads**  
By the time you reach town and light you'll be hot and tired and your throat dry with dust and dirt. Hunt up a soda fountain and treat yourself to a glass of a Bottle of **Coca-Cola**.  
Just as cooling as the bottom step in the spring house. You'll find it relieves fatigue too, and washes away all the dust and thirst as nothing else will. It touches the spot.  
Delicious - Refreshing - Wholesome  
**So Everywhere**  
"The Truth About Coca-Cola" tells all about Coca-Cola—what it is and why it is so delicious, wholesome and beneficial. It gives analyses made by scientists and chemists from coast to coast, proving its purity and wholesomeness. Your name and address on a postal will bring you this interesting booklet.  
The Coca-Cola Co., Atlanta, Ga.  
When ever you see an arrow think of Coca-Cola

**MEAN.**  
Willie—We were playing insurance company at school today and the boys treated me mean.  
Mama—How?  
Willie—I was the president of the company, and before I could resign they fired me.  
Where Millions Are Entombed.  
The catacombs at Rome were the burial places of the early Christians. They are about 580 miles in extent and are said to have contained 6,000,000 bodies. During the persecutions of the Christians under Nero and other Roman emperors the catacombs were used for hiding places. Under Diocletian the catacombs were crowded with those for whom there was no safety in the face of the day. The art of the catacombs is unique and most interesting. Simple designs are etched in the slabs which seal the tombs. Now and then are small chapels where paintings are to be found. All are Bible illustrations, so that the catacombs may be said to be a pictorial Bible in effect.—The Christian Herald.

**Better Than a Drug.**  
"The late Senator Platt," said an Albany legislator, "had a cynical wit. Talking about a politician who had changed his party, he once said to me:  
" 'Circumstances alter everything—political views, religion, even health.  
" 'Why, I've got a friend who is afflicted with insomnia in its worst form, and yet every morning that man sleeps as sweet and sound as a new-born babe when his wife crawls over him to start the fire.'"  
Mrs. Wiggins' Idea of London.  
During the recent visit of Mrs. Wiggins, the American author, in London, an interviewer called on her. With pencil poised, the interviewer asked: "And what do you think of London, Mrs. Wiggins?"  
"You remind me," answered the author cheerfully, "of the young lady who sat beside Dr. Gibbon at dinner. She turned to him after the soup.  
" 'Do, dear Dr. Gibbon,' she said, 'tell me about the decline and fall of the Roman empire.'"  
There is in every man's heart, as in a desk, a secret drawer; the only thing is to find the spring and open it.—Anon.

Right food is a basis  
For right living.  
"There's only one disease,"  
Says an eminent writer—  
"Wrong living"  
"And but one cure—  
"Right living."  
Right food is supplied by

**Grape-Nuts**  
It contains the vital  
Body and brain-building  
Elements of wheat and barley—  
Most important of which is  
The Potassium Phosphate,  
Grown in the grain  
For rebuilding tissues  
Broken down by daily use.  
Folks who use Grape-Nuts  
Know this—they feel it.  
"There's a Reason"  
Read "The Road to Wellville,"  
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